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Sir:

This application is a U.S. National Stage application of International application PCT/EP00/13912, filed December 22, 2000, which claims priority of European patent application 99204566.6, filed December 28, 1999.

The applicants properly claimed priority of their prior European filing date, as evidenced by the attached copy of their declaration.

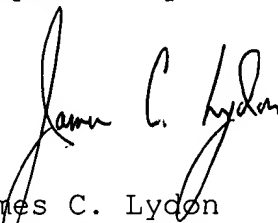
The Patent Office is requested to acknowledge the applicants' priority claim by returning a copy of the Notice of Allowability, marked to indicate receipt of a certified copy of the priority document from the International Bureau.

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Inventors' Declaration